

Amendments To the Claims:

Please amend the claims as shown.

1. (currently amended) ~~A M~~method for the checking, ~~particularly for ensuring the continuity, of~~ a bearer channel connection in a telecommunication system, ~~wherein~~ comprising:

a first media gateway;

a second media gateway;

~~the connection is implemented via a packet-oriented data network (42) adapted to~~
implement the connection between a the first media gateway and a the second media gateway
~~(36, 38), ; and~~

a first controller (44) controlling at least the first media gateway (36),

~~characterized in that, wherein~~ for a connection continuity check, the first controller (44)
indicates to the second media gateway (38) that a test signal sent by the first media gateway (36)
is being sent back to the ~~latter~~ first media gateway in order to check, ~~on the basis of said test~~
~~signal,~~ whether the bearer channel connection is through-connected between the first and second
media gateway ~~(36, 38)~~.

2. (currently amended) ~~A M~~method according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the first
controller, ~~in particular a first call feature server (44),~~ sends the indication via a second
controller, ~~in particular a second call feature server (46),~~ assigned to the second media gateway
(38).

3. (currently amended) ~~A M~~method according to Claim 2, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the first
controller (44) controls the first media gateway (36) in such a way that the ~~latter~~ first media
gateway sends the test signal to the second media gateway (38) via the packet-oriented data
network (42) and waits ~~for~~ a pre-defined time for the test signal to be sent back by the second
media gateway (38).

4. (currently amended) ~~A M~~method according to Claim 3, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the first
media gateway (36), ~~when it receives the returned test signal,~~ checks whether the test signal

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originates from the address indicated by the second media gateway (38) after it receives the returned test signal.

5. (currently amended) A Method according to ~~one of Claims 2 to 4~~, characterized in that wherein a call feature server (44, 46) provides call services.

6. (currently amended) An Arrangement for the testing, ~~in particular for ensuring the continuity,~~ of a bearer channel connection in a telecommunication system comprising:

a packet-oriented data network (42);

a first media gateway ~~and connected to a second media gateway (36, 38) connected thereto;~~ and

a first call-related controller (44) assigned to at least the first media gateway (36), ~~characterized in that the first call feature server (44) has~~ call-related controller including test equipment implemented in such a way that it adapted to indicates to the second media gateway (38) that a test signal sent by the first media gateway (36) for a connection continuity check is being sent back to the first media gateway (36) by the second media gateway (38).

7. (currently amended) An Arrangement according to Claim 6, ~~characterized by~~ wherein a timer allocates for allocating the waiting time for receiving the returned test signal at the first media gateway.

8. (currently amended) An Arrangement according to Claim 6 ~~or 7~~, characterized by wherein test equipment ~~which checks the~~ an address of a test signal received at the first media gateway.

9. (currently amended) An Arrangement according to ~~one of the preceding~~ claims 6, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the test signal is a test bit pattern.

10. (currently amended) An Arrangement according to ~~one of Claims 6 to 9~~, characterized in that wherein the packet-oriented data network (42) is an IP- or ATM-based network.

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11. (currently amended) ~~An Arrangement according to one of Claims 6 to 10, characterized in that wherein terminals also of IP subscribers are directly connected to at least one controller, in particular a call feature server (44, 46).~~

12. (currently amended) ~~An Arrangement according to Claim 11, characterized in that wherein the terminals are connected in particular via DSS1 or via at least one exchange (16, 18), in particular via ISUP.~~

13. (new) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the checking of the bearer channel connection ensures the continuity of the bearer channel connection.

14. (new) A method according to Claims 1, wherein the test signal is a test bit pattern.

15. (new) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the packet-oriented data network is an IP- or ATM-based network.

16. (new) A method according to Claim 3, wherein a call feature server provides call services.

17. (new) An arrangement according to Claim 7, wherein test equipment checks an address of a test signal received at the first media gateway.